



Media Information

Columbus Division of Police

Date: 6-12-2017

Special Victims Bureau / Sexual Assault Unit

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Type of Offense/Incident: Public Indecency

Date: 6-9-17

Time: 7:33 PM

Location of Offense/Incident: 2642 Bethel Rd

Zone: 1

Precinct: 17

Incident Report #: 170488448

Cruiser District: 174

Victim:	Sex: F	Race: W	Age: 5
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Suspect: John M. Hammel

Address: 9850 Jerome Rd Dublin, OH 43017

☒ Arrested

☐ Warrant on File

Sex: M

Race: W

Age: 51

Charges: Public Indecency (5 counts)

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Sex:

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Charges:

Incident Summary: On Friday, June 9, 2017 at about 7:33p.m., employees at Half Price Books, 2642 Bethel Rd. called to report a male who exposed his genitals to a five year old girl. The suspect was no longer in the area. The victim stated she was in the children's area looking at books and stuffed animals when the suspect began talking with her and eventually exposed his genitals to her. The victim told her father what happened when he walked in the area. Prior to the the father being able to confront the suspect, the suspect left the store. Based on the initial investigation, the suspect did not touch the victim.

On 8-4-17, Officers at were advised of a male exposing and fondling himself at Petland (2620 Bethel Rd). The suspect description was the same as the suspect from the Half Price Books. The suspect was seen leaving the store and was stopped by officers and identified.

Witnesses from the 6-9-17 Half Price Books incident, 8-4-17 Half Price Books incident, 6-7-17 incident at COSI and the 8-4-17 incident at Petland all positively identified Mr. Hammel as the suspect.

On 8-15-17, arrest warrants for 5 counts of Public Indecency were filed. Mr. Hammel was arrested without incident. Mugshot photo not available at this time.

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